

D. Remarks

The claims are 1-5, with claim 1 being the sole independent claim. Claims 6-10, which are not elected, as indicated below, have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 1 has been amended solely as to form.

Furthermore, Applicants submit herewith a substitute specification to correct typographical, grammatical and syntax error to better conform the text with proper idiomatic English. A marked-up copy of the originally filed specification, showing the changes made thereto, is also enclosed. Both the errors and the corrections are clear.

No new matter has been added by the above amendments. Favorable consideration of the present claims is expressly requested.

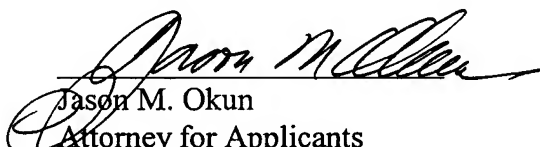
In the Office Action, the Examiner has required election of a single disclosed invention for prosecution on the merits in this case. The Examiner has required election of one of the following three groups of claims:

- Group I: Claims 1-5, drawn to a process for producing a cleaning blade, classified in class 399, subclass 38;
- Group II: Claims 6-8, drawn to a cleaning blade, classified in class 428, subclass 141; and
- Group III: Claims 9 and 10, drawn to an electrophotographic apparatus, classified in class 399, subclass 158.

Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-5, without traverse.

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